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(57) Abstract

A polymer composition is provided that comprises a polymer and a synergistic flame retardant additive combination which comprises a nano-clay and a second filler. The second filler may be a material with known flame retardant properties, an inert filler or a combination of the same. The preferred nano-clay is Cloisite, the preferred second filler is aluminium trihydroxide. The presence of this flame retardant additive combination in polymers increases the strength of the char that forms during combustion. The formation of a strong char creates a barrier to ignition of the underlying material, for example electrical cables that have been provided with a coating of the polymeric composition.